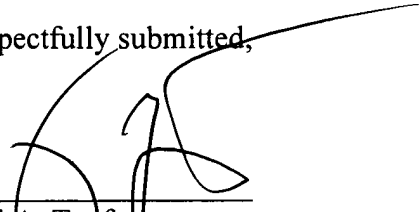


### Remarks

Claims 1-35 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, 12-14, 16-18, and 20-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 6,038,563 to Bapat, et al., hereinafter "Bapat", in view of David A. Solomon's (Inside Windows NT, Second Edition), hereinafter "Solomon". Claims 3, 7, 11, 15, and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 3, 7, 11, 15, and 19 have been withdrawn and their subject matter incorporated into independent claims 1, 5, 9, 13, and 17, respectively. Independent claims 21 and 29 were similarly amended to include the subject matter indicated by the Examiner as being allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application, including claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, 12-14, 16-18, and 20-35, are in condition for allowance and a notice indicating the same is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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